



Minerals Management Service Scientific Committee Update

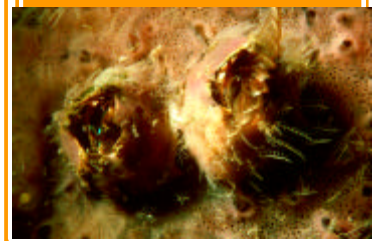
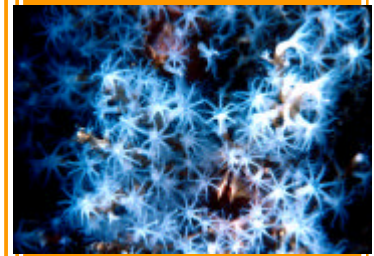
Dr. James J. Kendall

Chief Scientist

Minerals Management Service

***Standing in for Committee
Chair & Vice-Chair***



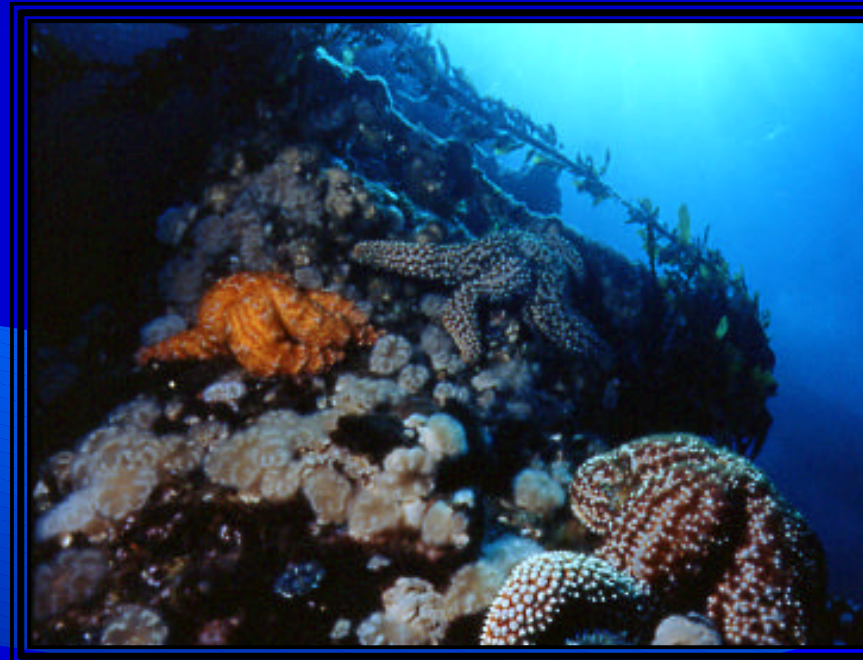


April Meeting:

- April 23-25, 2002
- Alexandria, Virginia

Chair: Dr. Will Schroeder

Vice Chair: Dr. Lynda Shapiro





Starting things off!

R.M. “Johnnie” Burton

Director, MMS

Tom Readinger

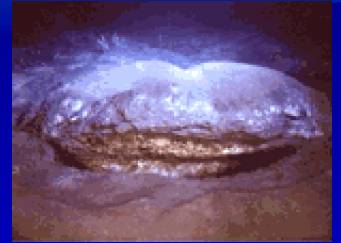
Associate Director, MMS OMM

Dr. George Banino

OCS Policy Committee Chair

Dr. James Coleman

Ocean Commission

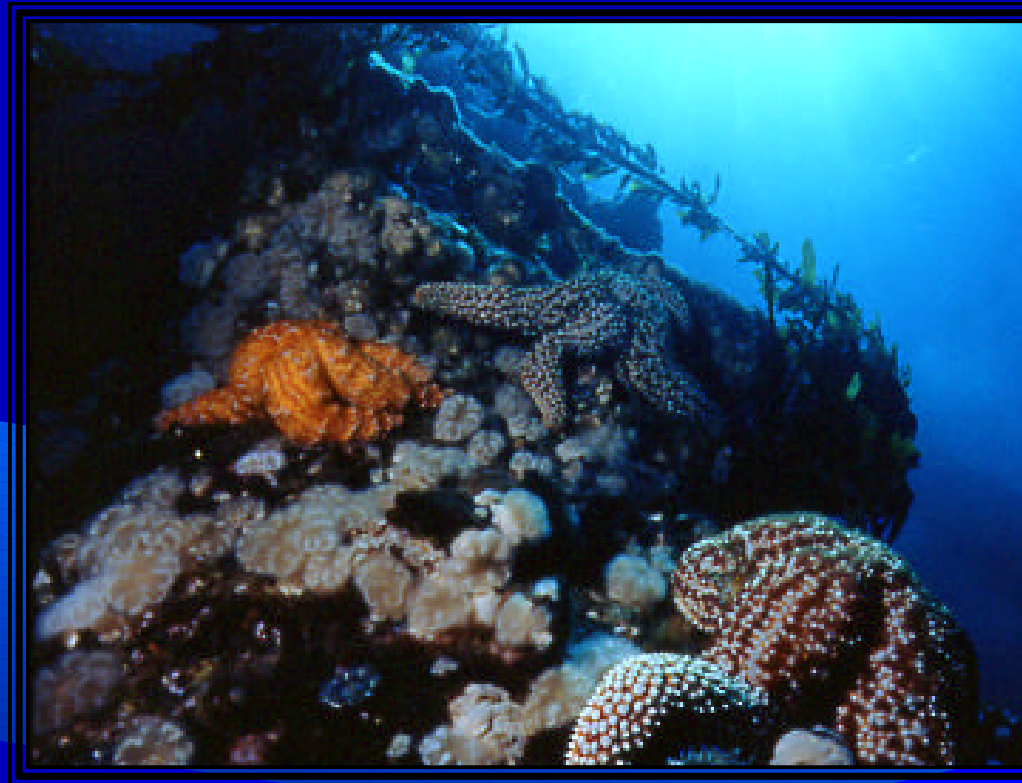


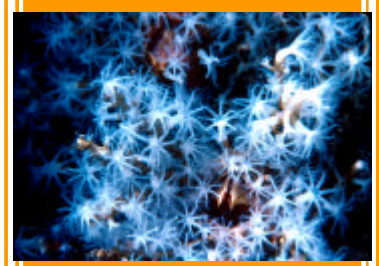
Retiring Members:

Dr. Cort Cooper, Chevron

Dr. Fred Grassle, Rutgers University

Dr. Stan Albrecht, Utah State University





New Members:

Dr. Michael Castellini, Univ. of Alaska

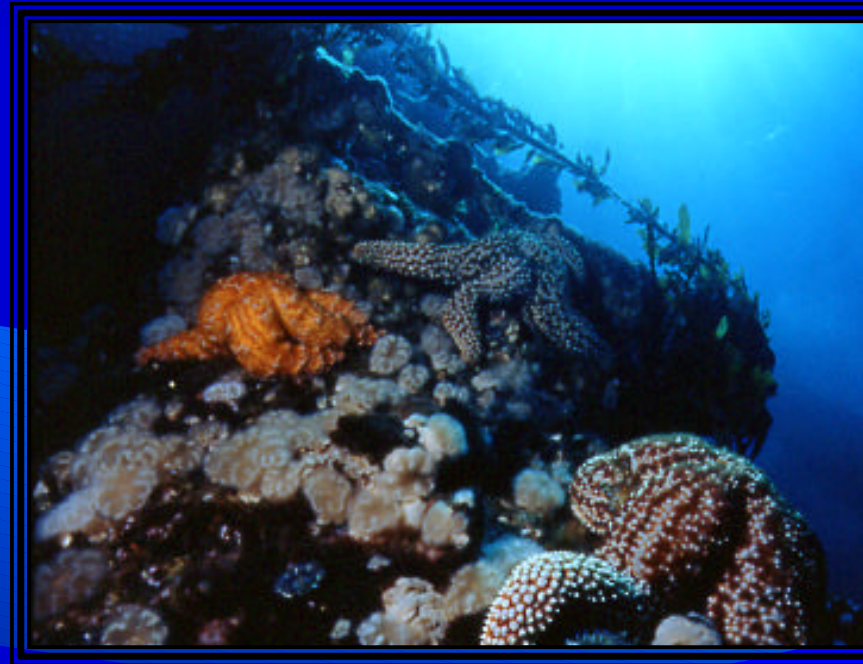
Dr. Robert Diaz, VIMS

Dr. Charles Marek, Vulcan

Dr. Denise Stephenson-Hawk, Atlanta

Dr. Michael Rex, Univ. of Massachusetts

Dr. Livingston Marshall, Morgan State





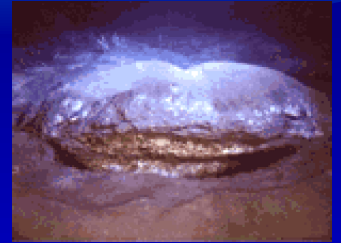
Sand & Gravel Session

Report on the GOMR ITM Session on Sand and Gravel Studies

Dr. Robert Diaz, VIMS

Dr. Chuck Marek, Vulcan

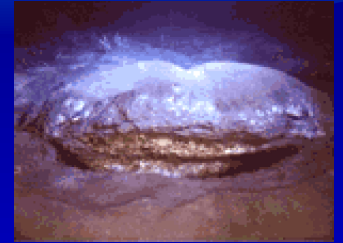
Barry Drucker, MMS INTERMAR)





New ! Sand & Gravel Subcommittee

- **Dr. Robert Diaz, VIMS**
- **Dr. Charles Marek, Vulcan**
- **Dr. Duane Gill, MSU**
- **Dr. James Coleman, LSU**





S&G Subcommittee

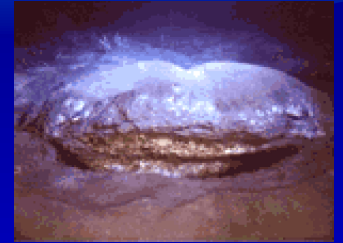
Issues to be explored.....

Site-Specific Studies in Frontier Areas

Cumulative effects associated with multiple events/long term dredging

Environmental issues such as shipwreck damage; commercial and recreational fisheries; & EFH issues

Developing a Strategic Plan for S&G Studies





Mercury Presentations

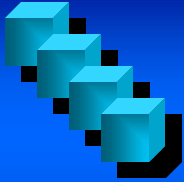
Mercury in the Marine Environment

Dr. Jerry Neff, Battele

GOOMEX: Experimental Design & What the Data Mean

Dr. Paul Montagna, Univ. of Texas





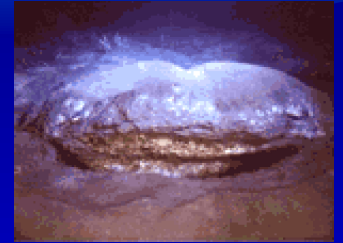
New ! Mercury Subcommittee

Dr. Will Schroeder, Chair

Dr. Eric Crecelius

Dr. Livingston Marshall

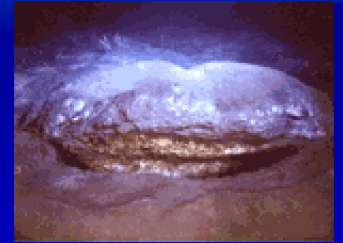
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Mercury Subcommittee

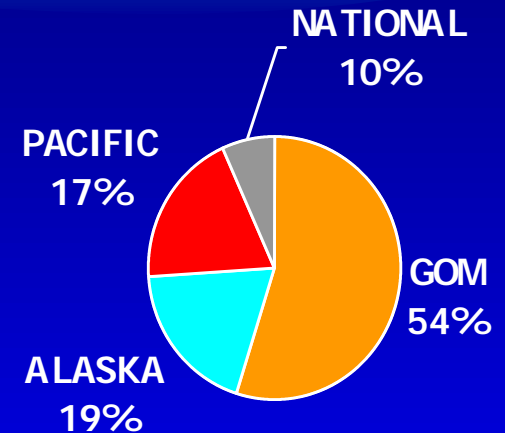
Status of activities.....

- **Information Gathering Phase**
- **SC presentations, April 23, 2002**
- **Mercury Forum, Mobile, AL**
 - **May 20-21, 2002**
- **Mercury in Drilling Muds**
 - **MAY 22, 2002; OCSPC**



ESP - FY 2003 Budget

- \$2.2 million budget cut (~ \$17.3M)
- ~ 50% in Gulf of Mexico
- Remainder split between other offices
- ~ 35% available for new projects



Budget by Discipline

■ Air Quality

■ Bio log y

■ F &E

■ Info .Mgmt

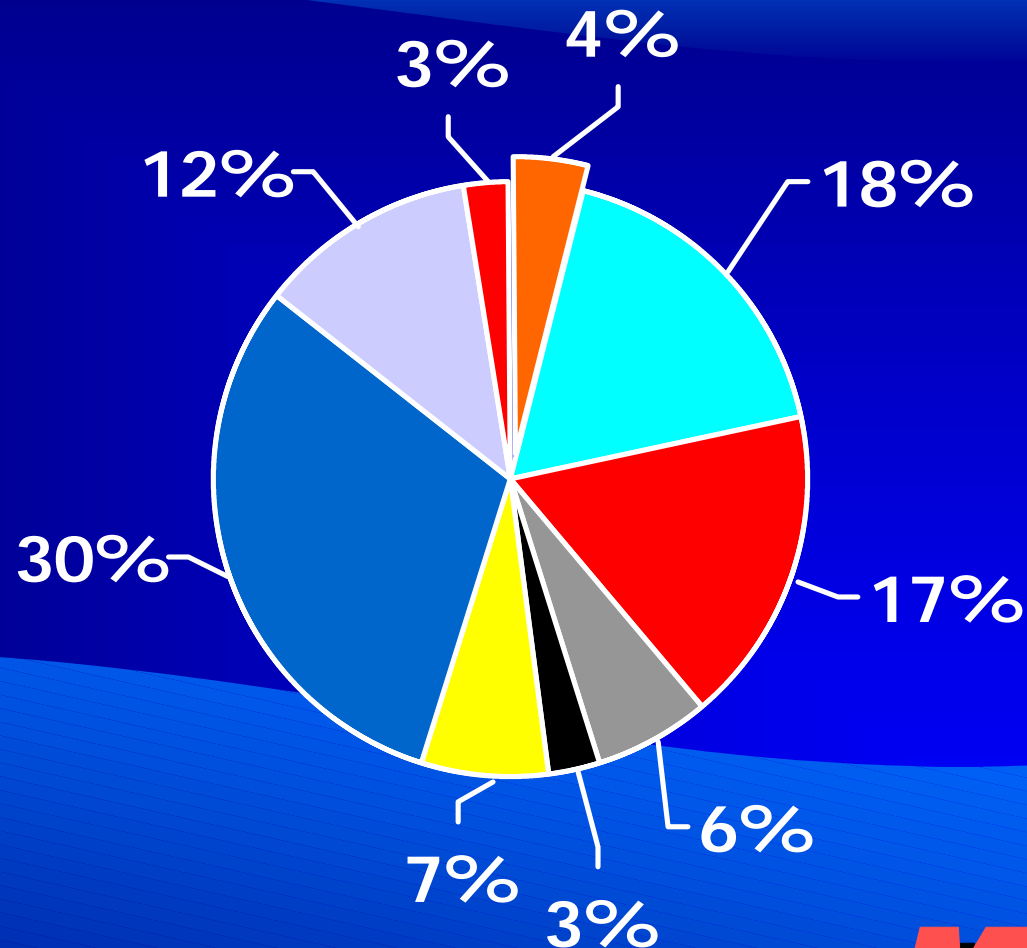
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Species

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■ Soc -Ec

■ Other



Discipline Reviews:

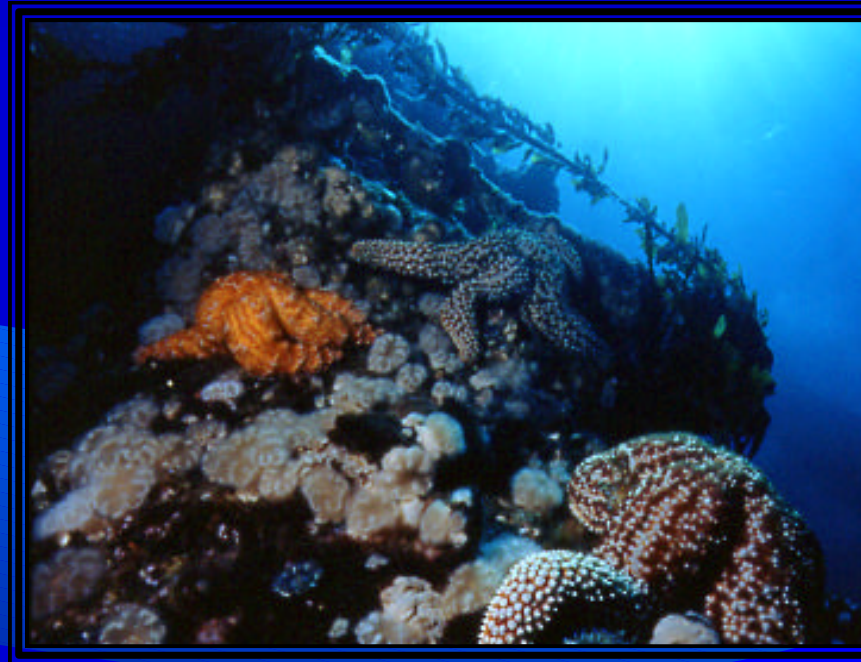
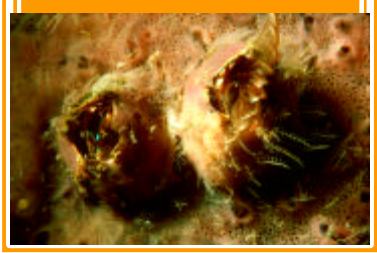
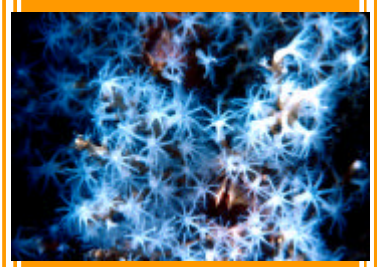
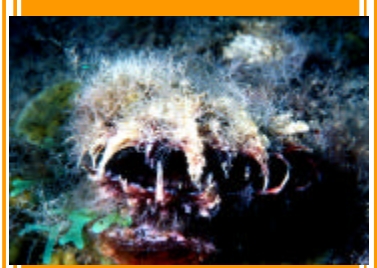
HQ & Regional SDP 03-05!

Socioeconomics

Physical Oceanography

Biology/Ecology &

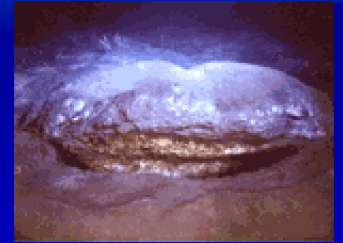
Other.....!





Committee Recommendations!

**Provide future CMI Briefings:
projects, students supported,
publications, etc.**



**Examine Legal Issues concerning
possible patent rights emerging
from biotechnology studies.**



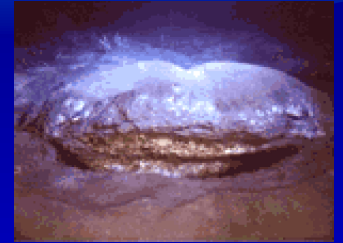
**Foster Partnering with Governmental
and Academic Agencies.**





Committee Recommendations!

Bibliography of Published Articles
Information Synthesis Studies
Database Development
Archiving of Biological Material
**Expanded communications with
the non-scientist user base.**



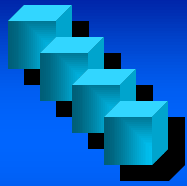


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